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ALL FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL IN LONG BEACH

During the Fourth of July celebration, the Long Beach Police Department will be strictly enforcing the ban on ALL fireworks, including sparklers, within the city. If you are found using any type of fireworks in Long Beach, you can be arrested and you may be fined \$1,000, sentenced to jail for six months or both. The fines and penalties increase if you are found in possession of fireworks classified as dangerous.

The beaches located from Shoreline Drive to the end of the Peninsula will be heavily patrolled by the Long Beach Police Department. There will be amnesty bins located at various sites along the beach where you can voluntarily place your illegal fireworks and avoid the fine and/or incarceration.

The Long Beach City Ordinance, which was adopted 40 years ago, is stricter than ordinances in many adjoining cities. Fireworks

sold in these cities are illegal in Long Beach.

Every year within the city, and across the country, citizens receive serious, often debilitating injuries because of the use of fireworks. Injuries can result in severe burns, scars and disfigurement that can last a lifetime. On a typical Fourth of July, fireworks cause more fires in the U.S. than all other causes combined. It is for these reasons that ALL fireworks, other than licensed and controlled professional public displays, are illegal within Long Beach. We're providing this information now so that you can make your Fourth of July plans in advance. Check your local newspaper for professional fireworks displays in your community. The elimination of the amateur use of fireworks will minimize injuries and save lives and property. You can make the difference.



YOU Can Be the "SOLUTION TO POLLUTION"

Summertime is here again and that means lots of fun, outdoor activities! For many of us it's "week-end warrior" time. We start off our summer week-ends with household chores like gardening, mowing the lawn, washing the car and taking "Spot", the dog, for his daily jog. If we time it right we're done just in time for a quick lunch and then off to the beach for swimming, volleyball, and a picnic dinner. If we all want to continue to enjoy these fun outdoor activities then we must each take some responsibility in making sure that litter, cigarette butts, used oil, fertilizer and pesticides, and animal waste don't get into the storm drain system. Storm drains carry all these pollutants directly to the ocean.



So, how can you "Be The Solution To Pollution?" Well, first know that the ocean begins at your front door. Streets, gutters, catch basins and all pipes and channels make up the storm drain system. When it rains, or you over-water your lawn or wash your car in the driveway, the pollutants are carried by the wastewater to the streets, along the gutters and into the catch basins and channels and eventually to the ocean.

Here are some tips!

- Call 562-570 DUMP (3867) for information and to report illegal dumping into the storm drains.
- Pick up after your pet. Place waste in a closed bag and put in trash can.
- Reduce pesticide and fertilizer use at home and don't over-water your lawn or garden.
- Never Litter! That includes cigarette butts, fast food wrappers, soda cans, and Styrofoam cups.
- Sweep your driveway and sidewalks before hosing them down.
- Wash your car, and/or Spot, over a grassy area and always conserve water.

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Long Beach is set to host the largest Aquatics Event ever in North America!

TOYOTA AQUATICS GRAND PRIX

Janet Evan Invitational Swim Meet —

June 10-13 • The world's top swimmers in a competition and tune up for the Olympic Trials and Olympic Games.

Synchronized Swimming's World

Showcase — June 19-20 • Spectacular exhibition by teams from U.S., Canada, Russia and Spain.

FINA Women's Water Polo World League Superfinal - 2004 — June 23-27 • The U.S. is among the eight international teams competing in the last major tournament before the Olympic Games.

FINA Men's Water Polo World League Superfinal - 2004

— July 16 - 18 • The top six teams from the 2004 World League, including the U.S., will compete in this last tournament before the Olympic Games.

U.S. OLYMPIC TEAM TRIALS

Swimming — July 7 - 14 • Hundreds of the top American swimmers compete for a chance to represent the U.S. at the 2004 Olympic Games.



For ticket information, availability and pricing, please visit www.LongBeach2004.com or call (562) 495-8341.

Protect You and Your Family Against West Nile Virus (WNV)

The City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is advising residents to take precautions against West Nile Virus (WNV). WNV, a potentially deadly virus spread by mosquitoes, is present in Southern California. Residents can help reduce



mosquito breeding by eliminating standing water from around their homes. The majority of people infected with the virus have a mild illness or no symptoms. In a few cases, the virus can cause a more serious condition called encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain.

Last year, there were over 9,000 cases and 246 deaths from WNV nationwide. The DHHS is recommending that residents take the following precautions to protect themselves from WNV:

- Eliminate all sources of standing water on your property.
- Avoid being outside at dawn and dusk (when mosquitoes are most active).
- When outdoors at dawn or dusk, wear long pants and long sleeve shirts.
- Apply insect repellent according to label instructions.
- Repair or replace door/window screens that are loose fitting or have tears or holes.

Questions? Contact the DHHS Vector Control Program at (562) 570-4132 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or go to the web site at www.longbeach.gov/health.

New City Web Site



The City of Long Beach – determined to improve communication through technology – is creating a new web site to enhance access to information and services.

In addition to a guide to government, the site will feature prompts specifically for businesses, residents and visitors. For the first time, answers to frequently asked questions (FAQ), a weekly summary of City Hall accomplishments, and announcements of upcoming events will be included. You'll easily locate job opportunities and the full range of city services. By subscribing to the new e-Notify service, you'll automatically receive important announcements within your interest areas. Watch for the improvements to www.longbeach.gov by early summer.

Long Beach Municipal Band

The Long Beach Municipal Band, conducted by Larry Curtis, will celebrate its 95th year in 2004 with free outdoor shows that are truly a tradition for the citizens of Long Beach.

Tuesdays: Bixby Park, July 6, 13, 20

Whaley Park, July 27, August 3

Stearns Chamions Park, August 10

Wednesdays: Los Cerritos Park, July 7, 14, 21, 28; August 4, 11

Thursdays: Marine Stadium, July 8, 15, 22, 29; August 5, 12

Fridays: El Dorado Park, July 9, 16, 23, 30; August 6, 13

All concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call (562) 570-3100.



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